




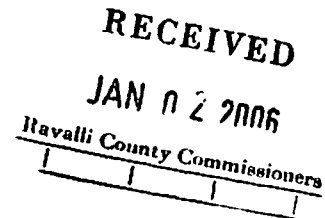
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MEMO

TO: Ravalli County Commissioners
FROM: George H. Corn 
DATE: January 2, 2007



RE: "Fight" at Ravalli County Fairgrounds/January 12, 2007

Commissioners,

This is a follow-up to a voice mail that I left several of you last week. The Chief of Police of Hamilton, Ryan Oster, called this event to my attention last week. Chief Oster has concerns that this type of "fight" creates a general rowdiness and unwholesome social conditions. Because of that, he has concerns about the County allowing such events to take place on County property.

Sheriff Hoffman also contacted me about similar concerns. He will be contacting you directly to let you know he feels the same as Chief Oster.

Although sharing these concerns, I am also concerned about the County's liability in such a situation. Irrespective of whether the promoter of these "fights" has insurance, if a fighter is injured, the County will also undoubtedly be named in the suit.

These events appear to be run very loosely. If you recall, a participant was severely injured (I believe he had a brain aneurysm) in one of the "fights" in Missoula within the last few years. I have enclosed an ad from the Ravalli Republic that the promoter has been running to solicit "fighters." As you can see, no experience is necessary.

This should concern you a great deal. In my opinion, you should not allow the First Interstate Center to be used for this purpose for the reasons set forth above. At the very least you must check with the County's insurer to be sure we are covered for a defense and damages should the County be sued regarding this event.

GHC/jw

Enclosure

cc: Chief Ryan Oster, HPD
Sheriff Chris Hoffman, RCSO